

## The September Woman's Home Companion.

The September Woman's Home Companion is an Advance Autumn Fashion Number. There is an unusual display of short stories, special articles, regular departments and art features, but in addition, the Fashion Department, under the direction of Grace Margaret Gould, Fashion Editor, is enlarged to twenty pages, and includes a tremendous variety of facts and ideas about dress, which will be particularly useful to women at this season of the year.

The Companion's fashion policy is interesting and sensible. The idea is to present all the latest fashions about fashions—even the extremes of Parisian fashions—but when it comes to making suggestions and preparing patterns for American women the extremes and the foolish novelties are disregarded and a "middle of the road course" is taken. In other words, women are shown how they can dress fashionably, and yet modestly and economically. Miss Gould is opposed to the eccentric and the startling in fashions, and, with great ability, succeeds in being practical, reasonable, and, at the same time, artistic.

In the same issue of the Woman's Home Companion the campaign for Better Babies is carried forward with great vigor. Hundreds of baby shows of the new sort are being held all over the United States this summer and autumn. At these Better Babies contests babies are judged on a score card precisely as livestock is scored, according to strict, scientific standards. By means of these score cards thousands of apparently perfect babies have been found to have some defect, easily remedied, and of real importance, that might not have been discovered until serious harm had resulted.

E. Haekker went to Kansas City Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Vince Owen went to Independence Tuesday evening for a visit.

Mrs. Cornelia Pugsley and two children of Sweet Springs, arrived Tuesday evening for a visit here with the family of Isaac Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Davis of Kansas City arrived Wednesday for a few days' visit here with relatives.

Miss Hattie Files of Warrensburg arrived Wednesday for a visit with Miss Annie Marrs.

Miss Jennette Fredenick returned Tuesday evening to her home in Kansas City after a visit here with Mrs. Con Barron.

Mrs. Sallie Gibson returned to her home in Trenton, Mo., Tuesday evening after a visit here with relatives.

Mrs. L. E. Mayhan went to Independence Wednesday for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Coulter returned Wednesday from a trip through Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Virginia and Kentucky.

Misses Nell Shottliff and Roxie Crum returned Wednesday from a business trip to Chicago.

Elmo Ashurst returned Tuesday evening to his home in Kansas City after a visit here with relatives.

Miss Hazel French returned Tuesday evening to her home in Dodge City, Kansas, after a visit here with Mrs. Wm. Price.

Miss Fannie Snyder of Odessa, arrived Tuesday evening for a visit here with Miss Ruth Ashurst.

Miss Bessie Williams of St. Joseph, arrived Tuesday evening for a visit here with relatives.

You read in the papers the other day where some firm in Kansas City bought of the Sunshine Biscuit Co., 2000 pounds of Rob Roy cakes, the largest shipment ever made. Long & Chin have gone them one better—2001. Ask about them.

## HOPE'S DECISION

Young Girl's Choice Between Worthy Suitors Settled as Eros Must Have Wished.

By JEAN DOUGLAS.

John Adams Pembroke was a representative member of one of New England's oldest families, and when his large factory was reduced to ashes, leaving him almost destitute, he decided to take his family west, invest the few thousands remaining in a ranch and retrieve his lost fortune. He had inherited the pride of his ancestors and could not bear to see another family occupying the mansion while his had to live in a small frame house which had been built for the head gardener.

Mrs. Pembroke hastened to Boston, where her son Arthur and daughter Hope were attending school to gently break the awful news to them. She relied upon their filial devotion to make it easier for their father by concealing all disappointment after the first shock was over; therefore she determined to apply the current herself. After relating the painful details, imagine her surprise to find them delighted and enthusiastic over the fact that they were to live on a ranch far removed from cultured civilization! And so, like the Arabs who "folded their tents and silently stole away," the Pembroke family boarded the midnight train for Las Vegas, N. M.

Three years later found them prospering on a cattle ranch fifteen miles west of that flourishing town, and like the majority of easterners who remain beyond the great divide long enough to appreciate the magnificent proportions life assumes when lived beneath cloudless skies, the small state of Rhode Island no longer appealed to them.

Arthur had assumed his share of the responsibilities, displaying unusual abilities for a boy of twenty-one. Mr. Pembroke made him superintendent of the ranch, and he soon won the admiration of cowboys. Under the tutelage of Red Jones, an expert in the art of "broncho busting," he learned to manage the most fractious cow pony that ever pawed the air.

Hope became the idol of the ranch, thriving on the rarified air. She developed into a perfect specimen of lovely, healthy girlhood. The Pembroke ranch became the mecca to which every pilgrim in search of good, wholesome fun came. Every week-end found the house taxed to its fullest capacity in order to accommodate the guests from Las Vegas. Hope was a musician of unusual ability, and the large living room became the scene of many a dance and "song-fest."

Numbered among Hope's admirers was Arnold Stuart, who owned the adjoining ranch. He was an admirable character in every respect, and, in addition to this, extremely good looking. Several times each week he rode to the Pembroke's to accompany Hope on her rides over the mesa, sometimes to an extinct volcano ten miles to the west, or to the Indian village, where the Pueblos lived their lazy, aimless life. Hope was the good angel of this little settlement, frequently supplying them with food and medical aid, having enlisted the services of the family physician.

Mr. Pembroke announced at the dining table one evening that Heath Rothwell, the son of his old roommate at Yale, had graduated the previous June, and his father desired to have him visit his friend and experience a taste of ranch life, and that he was leaving Boston the following week for Las Vegas. Mrs. Pembroke and Hope immediately started great preparations for the entertainment of their guest, and when Heath Rothwell had been at the ranch a fortnight he pronounced it "the most enchanting spot on God's footstool." Hope, with her originality and cleverness, completely captured his heart, making him her devoted serf from the moment he beheld her frank, sympathetic face. He was an extremely tactful, entertaining man, who immediately attuned himself to his environment and slipped into his particular groove in the household without causing a discordant jar.

Everyone admired his friendliness and his ability to entertain, for without apparent effort he could hold the interest of all the assembled guests by relating a story or singing pretty ballads of his own composition. Arnold Stuart, following the general

rule, admired Heath, but saw in him a rival of great prowess against whom he stood small chances in the contest for Hope's affections. Arnold never had the opportunity to speak with Hope alone, for their weekly rides were now shared by the Bostonian, so he resorted to a letter. Through this medium he offered his heart, and as fate decreed on the same day Heath begged Hope to wed him. She admired both men, but Eros had not pierced her heart with his shaft, so it was impossible to choose either one for a lifelong companion. Frankly telling them of her inability to decide, she begged that sentiment be forgotten in their delightful friendship and that the old state of affairs might be restored.

One evening the family, Arnold and a few from Las Vegas were enjoying the songs of Heath Rothwell, when there came a timid knock at the door. Arthur opened it to discover a young Pueblo woman, who asked for Hope, whom she implored to bring the "doctor-man" and come to the village, her baby was "seek." Arthur and Arnold immediately left to saddle the horses, while Heath protested that it was an outrage for her to ride that distance through the darkness to satisfy the whim of an Indian. Hope gave him one searching, pitying glance and rushed to her room, soon appearing attired ready for her mission, and explaining to the frightened Pueblo that the doctor was not there, but that she would prescribe for the child, the four mounted and galloped away.

When they finally reached the adobe hut the child was found to be suffering from croup. Hope, assisted by Arnold, administered medicine which relieved the choked-up condition of the throat, making it possible for the little one to breathe with less effort. After four hours of tireless care on the part of Hope and her able assistant, the baby fell asleep, and she knew the danger was past. Instructing the relieved mother how to care for her baby when it awoke, the trio started for the Pembroke ranch. The moon had risen, and the broad, flat mesa, unbroken save for the arroyos, sage and cactus bushes, peacefully slept beneath its soft, white light. Hope glanced at Arnold, who rode silently at her side, and when she recalled his sympathetic tenderness, as he held the Pueblo baby in his arms, striving to relieve its sufferings, she weighed the satisfying westerner and the entertaining easterner in the balance, and found the latter sadly wanting. Reaching over, she slipped her hand within his. He turned quickly and knew that he had won her. "I love you," whispered Hope. —New York Press.

### STOVES IN PARKS.

For the benefit of Los Angeles picnickers the park authorities are placing different devices in the parks which make hot lunches possible. A cement stove with a grill on which meat may be broiled, coffee prepared, bread toasted or a dozen other different things heated without any danger of setting fire to dry grass, has been built. In one of the parks a sink and drain board for washing dishes has been constructed, also of cement, which serves excellently people who have to carry their lunch baskets home on the street cars.

The cement stove also aids the park caretakers, for bits of paper can be destroyed or piled up for kindling fires for the next lot of picnickers who come along.

### WHAT WOMAN HAS LOST.

The college woman has succeeded nobly in her endeavors. No one questions this fact. Every profession has opened its doors to college women. The temples of art and science have admitted her within their sacred portals. Every department of the business world finds her occupying positions of honor and trust acceptably. Without doubt she is a success, and yet society seems to owe her a grudge. The emancipated woman has gained much, but lost more. She oftentimes has cultivated her intellect at the expense of womanly charm, or, as some one expressed it: "Woman has become an intelligence, but ceased to be a delight." —Suburban Life.

### MEAN TRICK.

"When I asked her to marry me she said no, a thousand times no."  
"Well?"  
"Naturally, I thought I would be safe in asking her 999 times."  
"And then?"  
"She accepted me when I asked her twice."

The announcement of the marriage of Mr. Howard Williams Barclay to Miss Evelyn Henning Denning at Sweet Chalybeate Springs, Virginia, Thursday, July 31st, has been received by Mr. A. G. Williams, uncle of Mr. Barclay.

J. R. Moorehead returned yesterday from a business trip to Cincinnati and Chicago.

Miss Genevieve Russell returned yesterday from a visit in Los Angeles and Seattle.

Miss Bernice White of Kansas City, arrived Sunday evening for a visit here with relatives.

Mrs. R. W. Gentry left Wednesday evening for her home in Winfield, Kansas, after a visit here with relatives.

H. G. Gelzer returned to Marceline Wednesday after spending a few days here on business.

John Smith returned Thursday to his home in Cedervale, Kansas, after a visit here with relatives.

Capt. B. T. Wiley went to Kansas City yesterday to spend day on business.

Miss Edna Broyles returned yesterday to her home in Sedalia after a visit here with relatives.

Mrs. E. E. Brown returned Wednesday evening to her home in St. Louis, after a visit here with relatives.

Mrs. A. Pugsley and two children left Wednesday for her home in Terrell, Texas, after a visit here with the family of Isaac Neal.

E. B. Campbell went to Kansas City yesterday to spend the day on business.

Mrs. Allie Boogher and daughter, Miss Allie Laura, went to Independence yesterday to attend the fair.

Mrs. Owen Gaffin and daughter, Miss Izetta, went to Kansas City yesterday for a visit.

Mrs. B. C. Drummond went to Wellington yesterday to spend the day.

C. L. Kenney and Robert Horn went to Kansas City Thursday to spend the day on business.

Ash Ruby and W. J. Rowe went to Independence yesterday to attend the fair.

Hugh Spears went to Kansas City yesterday to spend the day on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Caldwell and Miss Ella Ramey went to Kansas City Thursday to spend the day.

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